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Application of :
Kenji KATO et al. :
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For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :
AND METHOD FOR MANUFAC- :
TURING THE SAME : Docket No. S004-4034 (PCT)

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006, applicants amend their application as follows:

ELECTION OF INVENTION:

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group A, drawn to a near-field optical head in general for recording or reproducing information data from an optical storage medium, and submit that claims 1-10, 11-14, 101, 103 and 104 are readable on the elected invention.

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